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CHURCHES.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Pastor, Rev. A. Hamilton, Residence, Main Street.

Sabbath School, 12 m. Evening Service, 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 10:40 a. m. Gospel Meeting, 7:30 p. m.

Monday, Epworth League business and literary meeting first Monday in each month.

Tuesday, 11 a. m. Meeting at 7:30.

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Friday, Prayer meeting 7:30.

Saturday, Junior League 2:30 p. m.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

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Any person having a copy of a book, or pamphlet, entitled "Metallurgic," published by the Massachusetts Society, is requested to forward it to Alfred R. Evans, Gorham, N. H.

LOST - August 19, '95, in Bethel, a black cloth cap, front lined with black silk, the second cap a short one, forms a ruffe around the neck and is trimmed with black braid. Finder will please leave same at the News office.

LOST - August 22, between Bethel and Poplar Tavern, a lady's black cape. The finder will be rewarded on leaving it at the Cash Store, Bethel, Me.

FOR SALE - One Babcock Chemical Fire Engine. For particulars address Chief Engineer Bethel Fire Department.

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NOTICE.

The Berry's Mill Union Camp-meeting Association will hold its first campmeeting at Berry's Mill, Carthage, Me., from September 10th to 16th, 1895. A free pass back will be given to passengers over the Portland and Rumford Falls railroad who have paid full fare to come to the meeting. All are invited.

L. C. Putnam, Sec.

THE LOCAL NEWS.

is what we want. You want it. Your friends away from home want it. Being anything of interest and it will appear.

BETHEL NEWS.

"A city that is set on a hill can not be hid."

Mrs. Wm. Gray went to Gorham last Friday.

Miss L. C. Hall was in Portland last Friday.

Celia Leighton has been visiting her friend, Hattie Harris.

Miss Boothby of Berlin Falls is visiting Mrs. O. M. Mason.

Miss Mamie Lapham of Augusta is at Norway on a two weeks' visit.

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E. Wight of Boston is stopping with his family at Mrs. Ada Wight's.

Mrs. George Locke and little daughter are guests of Mrs. Newton Richardson.

Cora Bean visited her home last week, returning to Hanover last Wednesday.

Col. Edwards was in Portland the greater part of last week, attending the fair.

Mrs. W. D. Carrier, Lawrence, Mass., has been the guest of Miss Alice Billings the past week.

Mrs. Seth Walker has returned from Farmington, where she went to visit her daughter, Mrs. Metcalf.

J. C. Billings has been enjoying a visit from R. H. Billings and wife of Dorchester, Mass., the past week.

Joseph Briggs and wife, who have been stopping with their son, Guy Briggs, have gone to Albany with their son George.

Miss Lillian Vance, who has been spending several weeks with Miss Purinton, returned to her home in Jersey City, N. J., today.

Mr. Beech, a student of Yale, who is supplying the pulpit in Albany, will exchange with Rev. Israel Jordan next Sunday morning.

Prof. Chapman presided at the organ in the Congregational church on Sunday morning, much to the pleasure of the congregation.

Mrs. Fred Flint, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. J. Foster, was called home by a telegram announcing the illness of her daughter.

We have printed a few hundred copies of the poem on this page by Addie Kendall Mason, in pamphlet form and it can be obtained at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Twitchell request the presence of their friends at their "Reception" Saturday eve, Sept. 7, '95, at the residence of O. E. Twitchell, East Bethel, Me.

The selectmen of Bethel have posted a notice and call to the citizens of Bethel to meet at their office on Saturday, Sept. 7, to lay out an extension of Elm St. through to Main St.

Grocer Farwell won the appreciation of the News force last Friday with a generous basket of the most delicious fruit. Peaches, pears and grapes caught the types to smile, and the *debt* to grin for quite a while. Thanks.

On account of the annual fair at Riverside Park, the W. C. T. U. will not meet until Sept. 17th. The members of the Union are reminded that this will be the annual election of officers, and a full attendance is earnestly desired.

Will Bean visited his parents last week. He has been in the naval service nearly three years, and when the Miantonomoh went out of commission he was placed upon the New York. The North Atlantic Squadron proved to be a very attractive feature of the New England fair. Will expresses himself as well satisfied with naval life as he well could be.

That he intends to re-enlist in January, when his term of service will expire. This ship has been sent to the government to different parts of the country, and the boys have a fine chance to see the sights in foreign ports as well as home.

The Loyal Temperance Legion was invited to a picnic lunch upon Mrs. O. M. Mason's lawn Tuesday afternoon. The weather was all that could be desired, and at 3:30 twenty-two young people had assembled; the afternoon was spent by the children in playing games, then all sat down to a tempting lunch. Some of the older people, who were there to assist, declared when the setting sun admonished them that it was time to go home, that they were indebted to Mrs. Mason and the little folks for a very pleasant afternoon. The children most heartily thanked Mrs. Mason for so kindly entertaining them, and also are grateful to the ladies who showed their interest in road who have paid full fare to come to the meeting. All are invited.

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STREAKED MOUNTAIN.

By G. TILTON.

Yes, after living within four miles of Speckled Mountain a dozen years or more, I have lately made the ascent, and considering the outlay think myself well paid, and hope the time is not far distant when I may enjoy another occasion of a like nature. It is the most beautiful mountain top I ever beheld. People will go to a great distance to view landscapes of far less grandeur than may be seen from this point. The ascent is comparatively easy, and from the summit in a clear morning, in the direction of Portland harbor, old ocean is visible, as I am credibly informed. On the east, south, and west the solid rock rises like a wall, creating a miniature valley both beautiful and picturesque. Dr. Whitman a few years since, built a cottage on the highest elevation, naming it Ozone Cottage, for the accommodation of parties, but on account of the vandalism carried on, he finally decided to raze it to the "rock," leaving the sills and floor, which still remain.

Appropos of the matter of going a great distance to view some world renowned point, James Russell Lowell relates an instance in his Fireside Travels, in his old age, which well illustrates the fact that a thing of beauty must be far fetched. I give it in his own inimitable language:

"Nineteen years ago I was walking through the Franconia Notch, and stopped to chat with a hermit, who fed with gradual looks the unwearied teeth of a saw-mill. As the panting steel slit off the slabs of the log, so did the less willing machine of talk, acquiring a staid up-and-down motion, pare away that outward bark of conversation which protects the core, and which, like other bark, has naturally most to do with the weather, the season, and the heat of the day. At length I asked him the best point of view for the Old Man of the Mountain. 'Dunno; never see it.' Too young and too happy to feel or astonishment, I expressed it. The log-compelling man attempted no justification but after a little, 'Come from Bawn?' 'Yes,' (with penitential pride). 'Goodie to see in the vicinity of Bawn.' 'O yes!' I said, and I thought—see Boston and die! See the State houses old and new, the caterpillar wooden bridges, crawling with innumerable legs across the flats of Charles; see the Common, largest park, doubtless in the world, with its files of trees planted as if by a drill-sergeant, and then, 'I should like 'awl, I should like to sit on Bunker Hill; you've been there often, likely?' 'No-o,' unwillingly, seeing the little end of the horn in clear vision at the terminus of this Socratic perspective. 'Awl, my young fren, you've learned new, that was a man 'kin see enday fer navthin, children half price, he never does see. Navthin pay, navthin vally.' With this modern instance of a wise saw, I departed, deeply revolving these things with myself, and convinced that whatever the ratio of population, the average amount of human nature to the square mile is the same life world over."

For me, give me the beauty of the forest and hills, the lofty hills with the pure air, uncontaminated by foul odors of the stagnant pool, and malaria of the lower levels. No stately edifice, no architectural grandeur, and as one has put it, "all the glossary of art," can never compare with the stupendous grandeur of nature's proud work, the lofty hills. If we set ourselves down on the broadest expanse of prairie one view absorbs the whole landscape. We yield the palm to the great west for the production of life sustaining cereals, but for the wonderful, the soul-inspiring, give us the "rocks and hills and mountain rills," of our own New England.

RUMFORD.
Asa Stearns is quite sick at this writing.

Otis Howe came home for a short visit Sunday.

Geo. W. Stearns begins school at Rumford Falls, Sept. 3rd.

Albert Eames started for Boston last Friday to attend Commercial College.

Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Stearns are at Stoneham with a nice line of fall millinery.

Mr. Covey, the presiding elder, will preach here at the church next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All are invited to come.

Appearances.
"My dear baron, what are you doing? Smoking two cigars at one and the same time?"
"Well, you see, my dear fellow, in this beautiful hotel you can't get any six-penny cigars such as I am in the habit of smoking, and so I have to make shift with a couple of three-penny ones."

Deutsche Warte.

MIDDLE INTERVALE

Aunt Hannah Stearns recently showed the writer some very nice knit edging that she made when ninety years of age, which was taken to the fair and received a premium. She has knit and put together two bed spreads since she was eighty years of age. Two years ago she knit some very pretty edging and put it on some pillow cases, which she made herself. She was ninety years of age the 28th of last June. She has a photograph of five generations; her daughter, Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Noyes and her little girl, Della Noyes, making five generations. We had the pleasure of reading a letter, written by Mrs. Lucretia T. Howe to Mrs. Stearns on her ninetieth birthday, which is worthy of notice.

North Rumford, June 25, 1895.
My dear Mrs. Stearns—

I have never been over the river since the time I called to see you. I remember you said you would be ninety years of age in June if you should live until then, and showed us some of your handiwork, which was very handsomely done, and gave you much credit. I believe we all said you ought to have a general good time and if favorable, Kate and I would come over and bring one as small, if we could find one worthy the name. Time has run round and brought us nearly to the appointed day; I hear you are in quite good health, and have passed a comfortable winter, which is encouraging, and we hope you will now enjoy this pleasant summer weather. It seems almost impossible to think that you have seen so many seasons come and go. If it were not as the bible says, "we spend our years as a tale that is told," how long some lives would seem! By a wise providence, we are sure to forget our pains and sorrows as soon as they are past, and with every new year, we have fresh encouragement to push on to joy and pleasures in the distant future. And it is such a marvel of wisdom, that we don't know what is coming to us on the morrow, though we borrow as much trouble as we would, could we look down the years, that taken as a whole, have more sunshine than shadow, and are wisely ordered for every one. How many springs have you seen bursting over the earth, each one differing in its appearing and all welcome after the winter's reign. How fragrant the first breath of spring! I would not say but you might catch a far-away perfume of the olden times just now if you should visit the old forests, where with your young companions, you picked the smiling May flowers, and the pretty wake-robin and benjamins. And when you remember seventy or eighty summers and childhood's happy hours, it must seem long, long ago, and left vivid impressions upon memory's page, which cheer you as you pass along life's journey. The winter, which is full of cold snow and wind, has its enjoyable seasons, and we all look forward to old age as being gloomy, but to those busy lives there is plenty to live for, and much comfort in the world. One lives their lives over again in their children, and you have seen your children to the third generation. Venerable indeed are you with your children gathered around you, and your old friends wish you much pleasure for the day. It is now nearly fifty years since I first heard of your family, through your friends living on Ellis River. It is but a few years since first meeting you at Bethel, which for a long time has been your home, and where God willing, you will spend the evening of your days, if a person who has lived ninety odd years, has not already passed a goodly share of days and evenings and twilights in meditations of past, present, and future good. It is fitting and cheering to see our friends with us each little holiday, and we hope to hear you are in the very best of health and spirits on your ninetieth birthday. You will look in vain for the friends who started with you on your journey; they are not here, long ago they passed from our earthly vision, but we know we shall behold them again in the land that is not very far off; they are not lost, but gone before. It is delightful to have any pleasant gathering happen in June, the most beautiful part of the year, when days are long and sunny, when its sweetest roses bloom, the hedges are covered with wild flowers and the earth spreads out its greenest carpet with its wonderful coloring. The grand old mountains round about seem to have put on their holiday attire, and stand waving all their branches to greet the happy company. These peaceful valleys spread out like a fairy picture with cottages here and there, the home of some friend or neighbor, all enjoying the blessings of health and prosperity. The lovely Androscoggin laughs in its pleasure of adding to the occasion by singing its quaintest song, and reflecting on its placid face the glory of the bright June sky with its changing clouds passing over. Life is often compared to a river, rolling on, surely on to its final home. Like a river, it never stays to tangle with our joys and sorrows; its course is onward like our own days, months and years till we reach the end. We can not come again; when we pass over

the way, it is passed forever; only in memory can we come and review our feeble footprints. So let us do every little kindness that we can while we pass along, and smile on each one's endeavor to lift up the faint hearted and benefit all; to do good as we have opportunity. And, gathered as we are today with our kindest regards for you and your children, what words of cheer can I now give you? Shall we turn back to our childhood's days and tell of our early hopes and fears and the early families living near, all striving to win their way amid a hundred and one discouragements? Shall we go back to our early youth and seek for the happiness we enjoyed in our school days, and roam again over these lovely hills and valleys, or sail by moonlight along the fair Androscoggin with our dear young friends, or roam in spring time for the first bright flowers? Shall we pause at the cottage, down where the fond mother used to gather the children and read some bible story, or tell them if the great lands beyond the seas, of which we knew not, only by a mother's eyes? Shall we sit down and gather our old friends about us to discover we are growing old and weak, that our step is slow, our eyes weak, our ears dull of hearing, and our hair silvery white with the frosts of time, our children grown to men's knee? No, my dear old friend, oh, no! we would not condescend with us on the hardships of life; you have seen and tasted both the joys and sorrows which come to all flesh, and you can rejoice that at your ninetieth birthday, so many children rise up to bless your declining years; you have many and faithful promises that are yours to enjoy; you can read those wonderful words of life, and trust that Grace that redeemed the world. We would take you by the hand, and look with you over our little world with all its present blessings, to the river flowing softly by, to the sun gently following to the western gate, and paint the delectable mountains and softly say, "We shall meet again in the morning."

With much pleasure,
Lucretia T. Howe.

NORTH NORWAY.
C. G. French is the happy father of a daughter born the 23rd.

Frank Cox and wife are visiting friends in Poland this week.

Mrs. Clara Hunt from Malden, Mass., is the guest of Mrs. Rollin Towne.

Emma Upton (nee Towne) arrived from California the 23rd with her infant daughter.

The young gents from this way who went on their wheels to New Hampshire, took in the Lancaster coaching parade and described it as fine indeed.

Mr. and Mrs. George Abbott celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage the 29th. Friends and neighbors came afternoon and evening and a merry time was reported by all. The presents were many and various. Friends in Upton sent them a fine set of dishes and a mirror. The eldest daughter of the house, a young lady, "tall and divinely fair," made music with organ and voice. The refreshments of ice cream and wedding cake were appreciated.

SUNDAY RIVER.
W. Trask went to the New England Fair last Thursday.

Mr. C. B. Foster and family start for their home in Everett, Mass., Monday.

Tracey Littlehale has gone to Charlestown, Mass., to commence his winter's work.

Mrs. Richard Trask of Andover, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Atherton.

Schools commenced last Monday, the upper school taught by Miss Bessie Seawell, the lower by Miss Ethel Hammons.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Sargent have returned from Errol and Magalloway where they have been visiting their daughters, Mrs. Thurston and Mrs. Leavitt.

Mr. J. S. Brown and sons with their guest, Mr. Oscar Grover, have returned from the lakes highly pleased with their three days fishing and a good jolly time camping out.

There was a pleasant party last Saturday at the home of Robert M. Bean, the occasion being his 11th birthday. Various games were played and all his young friends enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Miss Annie Bateman of Boston, gave a whist party at the residence of her cousin, Mr. Will Williamson. Miss Clyde Bartlett took first ladies prize which was a silver letter opener. Mr. Henry Hastings took first gentleman's prize.

Our famous bear hunter, Mr. Leonard Leavitt, has been absent some weeks, staying at his camp on Sunday River. He has been laying out routes of interest for a party of gentlemen from Attleboro, Mass., whom he is engaged to guide to Sunday River Valley, thence to the Leary Brook Waters, and then around Pleasant Mountain. They will spend some time camping out. On his return last week he discovered that during his absence he had caught two bears in his traps which were badly decomposed. Yet he succeeded in securing the bounty.

MIRAGES SEEN BY THE 6TH IOWA CAVALRY ON THE PLAINS OF DAKOTAH IN 1863-64.

By P. S. Bean.
Co. D, 6th Iowa Cavalry.

In the summer of 1863, while on the march in South Dakota in the month of August, one afternoon we were in need of water; men and horses were very thirsty, the weather was hot and dusty, we had been marching over a rolling prairie since early morning. At four o'clock in the afternoon we came to the top of a ridge; about a sight greeted our vision! About two miles away, apparently, lay a beautiful lake, trees and islands, bordered green grass. The first to see it was the advance guard, who shouted "Water! water!" and swung their hats, shouting, "Plenty of water in the lake." The main column took up the shout in their great joy. When my Company, D, came to the top of the ridge in sight of the supposed lake, every man could have staked his life that a beautiful lake was just ahead of us. A halt was sounded by the bugles, everyone wanted to hurry forward to the lake; even the horses began to neigh in their anxiety to get a drink to quench their thirst. Col. Pollock and our half breed Sioux guide, whose name was Flambeau, rode along the column, and told the men that there was no lake, only a mirage. Flambeau said it was only a fool lake made by the evil spirit to fool men. Some of the soldiers would not believe that it was a delusion, but asked permission to ride ahead and see for themselves. A detail of six privates and a corporal was sent ahead, but they got no nearer to this delusive lake, which kept the same distance ahead of them. In a few minutes it disappeared from sight. Many times in our marches afterwards we were treated with views of magic lakes as we called them.

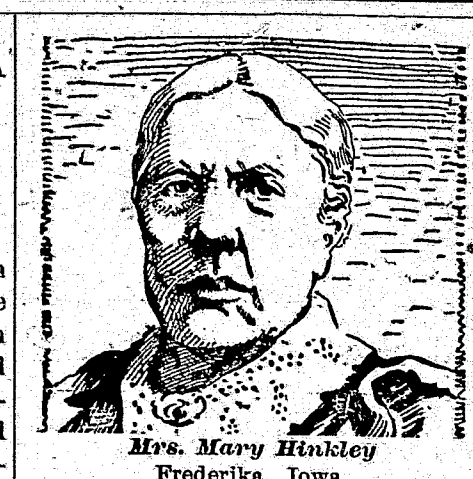
ANOTHER KIND OF MIRAGE.

During our marches that fall one morning a curious mirage was seen high up in the sky, real as life. Twelve mounted Indians riding their ponies were seen; they were fully armed, and two other Indians were on foot, carrying their guns on their arms in regular Indian style. The most curious part of the sight was all of the group were riding and walking with their heads downward in the manner the flies walk on the ceiling overhead; it looked like the shadow seen in still water, all upside down. Another curious thing about this mirage was every object in it was magnified at least three times its natural size. The two Indians that were on foot looked as if they were eight feet tall, and their steps were in proportion to their height. The mirage lasted just twenty-two minutes, then faded away.

In the summer of 1864 one morning about 9 o'clock we saw twenty cavalry men in a mirage in the direction of the Platte river in Nebraska. The picture was a perfect representation of both men and horses, the men had on blouses and forage caps; they were riding on a gallop part of the time, then on a fast walk. Our Colonel saw the mirage first, soon the whole regiment was viewing it. Col. Pollock noted the day and hour, and afterward learned that at that day and hour a squad of twenty soldiers of 7th Iowa Cavalry were on a detail as scouts beyond the Platte river. Our old Indian guide named "Fool Dog" as soon as he saw the mirage, said white soldiers over in Nebraska. This mirage seemed to be raised up into the sky so that the landscape was perfect, the men and horses were as plain as though they were not more than two miles away. It faded away almost instantly.

During the autumn of 1864, we saw pictured in the sky a large tract of country with a large drove of buffaloes grazing as they walked along toward the south apparently returning from the north-west where they went in the fore part of the season for their summer pasturage. The picture was as perfect as if you were looking over a large tract of open country covered with bands of buffaloes; the whole scene looked as if it had been raised up into the sky by magic, representing every detail of the scene as perfectly as though a person were looking at the buffalo on the plain in reality in their regular marching order. After I got home from the army many whom I told of these mirages would not believe me. They said, "Oh, that is one of your soldier yarns. I don't believe it." Well, there are many curious things in nature, but there is nothing but can be accounted for, if one takes trouble to investigate them one will be able to find the causes of them all.

Ansen, Chippewa Co., Wisconsin, Aug. 12, 1895. Mrs. James Hicks of this town, last Thursday evening saw a mirage of considerable extent. Large green fields, farm houses and a road-way along which passed a solitary carriage, were clearly outlined against the sky. Men were in the fields harvesting, animals moving about grazing were interesting features of the picture. Some 20 persons saw this mirage but did not recognize the section of country that the mirage represented. It is thought to be over in Minnesota. I have seen and talked with several that saw the above mirage. They stated



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that every detail was as plain as though they were looking at a large tract of country in its natural place instead of a sky picture.

NORTH WOODSTOCK.

Work on the new school-house in the Billings district, is progressing rapidly.

Mrs. Preble and daughter Nell have gone to Boston and vicinity to visit friends.

Walter Ordway and family have been visiting friends at Bethel and Grover Hill recently.

W. Bird has gone to B Pond to work in the blacksmith shop and board with Mrs. Wing.

Tramps are quite numerous in this community of late. We wish there were some way to provide food and work for them.

The Gore district have engaged Stella Rugs as teacher. They are in luck for Miss Rugs is one of Woodstock's first class teachers.

Mr. Charles Clement, his little son, wife, sister, and wife's mother from Hallowell, took quite an extensive trip by team through the state and were guests at H. A. Braden's last week.

A PROTEST AND QUESTION.

There are few places where a good performer can be more sure of an intelligent and appreciative audience than in Bethel; but there is one thing that is a serious annoyance to both artists and audience, namely, the ruthless breaking in upon the rendition of a song, a piano-recital, or recitation through the thoughtless insistence of late-comers, demanding to be immediately seated. The singer may be breathing notes so soft that a hush of enjoyment holds the audience in perfect silence; or the reciter be at the very crisis of pathos in his story; or the pianist delicately leading his theme through a transition that alone can interpret the meaning of coming passages; both artist and audience are in perfect sympathy, when, thump! thump! thump! bang! and up the long stair case come the belated ones! The ushers try, by example, to conduct the hurried new comers as silently as possible to their seats, but Monsieur's boots will squeak, and Madame's heels sound a nervous tattoo as they go up the aisle. Several people rise to allow them to rustle into their respective seats, perchance there is a moment of discussion as to "checks," and meantime half the audience have involuntarily turned their attention from the stage, and the delightful chain of sympathy is broken! Few persons upon a stage can remain undisturbed by interruptions in their audience below, and they thereby often feel the bitterness of having partially failed. At certain concerts in many of our cities, the doors are closed between the numbers on the programme, and this is the case in Europe. Would it not be an improvement if those among us, intending to give musical or dramatic readings, should have it clearly understood that late-comers must remain quietly at the rear of the hall till the selection being rendered is finished.

GRAFTON.

Rufus Farrar attended the New England Fair at Rigby Park last week.

Mrs. Ruth Brown from Rumford Falls, is visiting friends in Grafton.

Carrie Brooks, who has been working at Poplar Tavern a few weeks, has returned home.

Julian Farrar, whose health has been very poor this summer, is now at Paris under the care of Doctor Yates.

The Berlin Mills Company have a crew of eighteen men under the charge of Horace Frost, constructing a dam on Cedar Brook.

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WEST PARIS.

Mr. Geo. L. Dunham of Brattleboro, Vt., is visiting his parents in this place.

Mrs. Cyrus Howe of Gorham, is stopping for a few days with her son, J. C. Howe.

Rev. Mr. Rich of Locke's Mills, occupied the pulpit in the M. E. Chapel Sunday, the 25th.

The corn factory started Friday morning, and it is thought that the corn is not as good as last year.

Mr. Geo. Cummings, wife and children of Boston, are spending a few days with Mrs. C's brother, D. H. Field.

Mrs. Lewis S. Stuart and wife of New York, a former resident of this place is spending a short vacation here with Mrs. Stewart's parents.

Mrs. Effie Howe of South Paris, is visiting relatives here.

The three Sabbath schools of this village united in a picnic at Snows Falls last Tuesday where with boat rides, the swing, and a genial and obliging host in our good Bro. Hammond, young and old had an enjoyable day. There were one hundred and forty in the afternoon.

The following is a partial list of the last week's arrivals at the hotel: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gould, C. L. Marston, G. H. Fickett, F. O. Ramsey, J. L. Ham, Portland, Me.; H. F. Lunt, New York; J. O. Hale, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; F. H. Johnston and daughter, Farmington; R. W. Hannaford, Montreal; K. Liddell, J. Bagley, J. Divine, Toronto, Canada; Dr. L. Turner, Mrs. W. F. Reed, Belfast, Me.

WEST BETHEL.

Dog days end this week.

Mrs. Lydia A. Young has returned to her home in Melrose, Mass.

John Philbrook was up from Bethel Saturday buying cows.

Minnie E. Wheeler has gone back to Charlestown, Mass., to teach the fall term of school.

Jack Mathieson came up from South Paris Saturday and called on friends here Sunday.

E. B. Shaw, T. B. Kendall, N. W. Mason, G. W. Harden and M. M. Mason, are working on the school-house.

Charles Merrill and Dana Merrill have greatly improved the appearance of their farms by cutting bushes and removing fences on the roadsides.

Mrs. Mary A. Dow, of Grafton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hattie Grover. She is a smart and jolly old lady, and we hope may long continue to make her annual visits here.

Last spring Charles Dunham began to hicough and tried home remedies which had no effect. After a few weeks he went to see a doctor who gave him a number of kinds of medicine, to be used externally and internally, yet no cure has been found, and he has continued to hicough every day and night for four months.

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